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- On 12 and 14 November 1954, in the assembly room of the Ristori Theater of Kopar, two meetings of the Council of the Board of Manufacturers of Kopar took place. Present at each meeting were about fifty persons, including the members of the Council and representatives of former Zone B firms. Present also were Kopar District President Franc Kralj and Political Secretary Julij Beltram. 25X1
- The following were topics for discussion: the means of financing the Slavnik Autotransport Firm (formerly called Adria Autotransport Firm) and for the planned construction of a factory producing reciprocal engines which was to have been built in the vicinity of Skocjan (Kopar) near the Stil Furniture Factory.
- During the course of the meetings appropriations were approved for the purchase of four new passenger buses. Thirty million dinars were allocated for the construction of a new factory.
- In the course of the second meeting, an exchange of recriminations took place between some of the participants. For example, President Franc Kralj accused the Director of the Vino Firm, Janko Janjar, of having received a bathroom as a gift from that firm's representative in Zone B, Darko Simonc. Angered by this accusation, Janjar immediately tendered his resignation, which, however, was not accepted by Kralj. 25X1
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- At this point, the discussion degenerated into a series of analogous accusations aimed first at Savo Merlak, Director of the Pructus Firm, who was charged with having accepted an automobile as a gift. Slavko Dclinar, Director of the Slavica Firm (formerly Omnia) was criticized as well for having acquired in Austria rather than in Yugoslavia automatic button-making equipment valued at 30 million dinars.

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6. Generally, almost all the directors of firms present took turns at being the target of criticism. Those attacked in turn defended themselves by attributing their alleged misdeeds to the lack of competence of Marijan Hozdzar, an official of the Finance Office. Hozdzar defended himself with such violent language that Kralj was forced to order him expelled from the meeting.
7. Finally, even President Kralj offered to turn in his resignation. However, this suggestion was firmly rejected by the assembled members. The meeting was adjourned with a motion that the Council of the Board of Manufacturers of Kopar be completely overhauled.



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